

## John Randolph to Andrew Jackson, June 8, 1830, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN RANDOLPH TO JACKSON.

Roanoke, June 8, 1830.

*My dear Sir,* Your most esteemed letter of the 3d Instant was received yesterday by Mr Clay. Whilst I tender you my warmest acknowledgments for the very liberal and disinterested offer which you hold out to me, I cannot prevail upon myself to accept it. I have about half the amount of an outfit in Bank; and last year's Crop of Tobo. to pay the charges of the current year upon my estate. For, by God's blessing, I have kept clear of Debt and thus have been enabled to preserve my independence. The chief inconvenience that I shall sustain will be the obligation to forego a most eligible and advantageous purchase by using my private funds in the publick service—others have risked purse and person for their country, and poured out their blood like water in her cause.

I purpose being in Norfolk on the 16th provided the Ship shall have reached Hampton Roads, which I shall know at Richmond, by the Steam Boat of the preceding day. She shall not be delayed by me. In case that I shall be so fortunate as “to carry into effect the object of my mission, in season for your annual message”, shall I be deemed too encroaching if I ask leave to spend the winter in the South of Europe; provided I see no prospect that the publick interest may suffer thereby?

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In the hurry of departure, I trust that some excuse may be found for the brevity of this Letter. I have no command of language that will do justice to the sense of profound respect and regard with which I am, Dear Sir, your obliged and most faithful Servant